

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
April 10, 1964

The University Senate was called to order by Provost and Dean of Faculties Colclough at 2 pm, Friday, April 10, 1964. He explained that President Carroll is representing the University at the Inaugural Ceremonies of the new President, Kingman Brewster, Jr., of Yale University, and today is attending a pre-inauguration discussion of "The Relationship of the Modern University to the Government." Provost Colclough called for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 1964 and the minutes of the special meeting of April 2, 1964. Mr. Edwin L. Stevens noted that his middle initial was "L" rather than "S." The minutes of both meetings were then approved as corrected.

Mr. David E. Seidelson, Chairman of the Committee on Athletics, moved that consideration of the Athletic report be postponed until the May meeting. Since a minority report will be forthcoming, the Committee felt that discussion and action on the part of the Senate would be premature without this minority report. Mr. Kraus explained that both Mr. Seidelson and Mr. Krupa had been in touch with him in an effort to determine the most equitable and convenient way of coordinating the introduction of the majority and minority reports. Mr. Krupa understood the need for placing the minority report before the Senate without undue delay. It would be important for the Senate, Mr. Kraus emphasized, to have all the Committee's information and recommendations, in order to take whatever action it desired before the end of the academic year. Mr. Krupa stated that the minority report will be prepared and distributed sufficiently in advance of the May meeting for the full consideration of the Senate members.

The second item on the agenda was a report of the Library Committee chaired by Mr. Benjamin Nimer. Because of Mr. Nimer's attendance at a professional meeting in Philadelphia, Provost Colclough suggested that a written report of this Committee be distributed prior to the May meeting.

The third item on the agenda was a report of the Research Committee chaired by Mr. John Finan. Mr. Finan requested a postponement of his Committee's report with the circulation of its report prior to the May meeting.

Mr. Wolfgang H. Kraus, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reminded the committee chairmen that their annual reports were due by April 30.

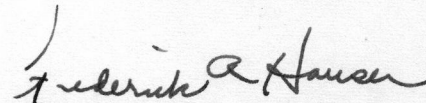
Provost Colclough then invited Dr. John Parks, Dean of the Medical School, to present his report on "The Place of the School of Medicine in the University." Dr. Parks gave a brief history of The George Washington University School of Medicine from its founding in 1825 to the present. He reviewed the objectives of the School of Medicine and the very recent change in curriculum wherein a student is given the freedom of elective courses. It is felt that this type of program will provide the student with a most comprehensive educational background, one which is not purely "vocational," and one which conforms to his specific interests. There is also being developed a tri-semester program which would increase the student's choice of courses and expedite his educational objectives.

Dr. Parks mentioned the shortage of both doctors and training facilities. He said this University can accept only 109 out of 1705 freshmen applications, primarily because of space limitations. The current student body is representative of 135 colleges and universities in 37 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and five foreign countries. He reviewed the admissions procedure for students at this University which include an evaluation of the student's general index, his scientific index, the medical college admissions test and a personal interview.

Dr. Parks stated that The George Washington University has a very strong School of Medicine with a high rank in terms of national standards. In order to meet the ever-increasing needs, it is the School's objective not only to increase physical facilities, but to provide a program of learning that meets each student's specific interests. In this connection he drew attention to the development of a Master of Science program in which the Medical School is cooperating with Columbian College. In the course of the discussion, Dr. Parks stated it as his considered opinion that pre-medical programs, for all their importance, should not be regarded as indispensable entrance requirements by medical schools. He himself places much confidence in the continuing value of a liberal arts program for preparation of the medical profession.

Mr. Kraus thanked Dr. Parks for his report. Provost Colclough, in expressing his appreciation, asked the members of the Senate to join him in paying tribute to the Faculty of the Medical School for its consciousness of the importance of a close relationship of the School to the whole educational program of the University.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.


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Secretary to the Senate